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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
M. EGAWA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/989,459

Art Unit: 1619

Filed: November 21, 2001

Examiner: L. Wells

For: Method Of Treating Environmental Stress

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official final Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, in the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respond as follows:

REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Lauren Wells and Supervisory Examiner, Sreeni Padmanabhan, for the interview so courteously granted on February 12, 2003.

The Examiner is also thanked for renumbering Claims 17-33 to renumbered Claims 20-37. It is understood that Claims 32-37 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 20-31 are currently pending in this case, Claims 32-37 having been withdrawn from consideration.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, and 20-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egawa, et al. In the consideration of this

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